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BRITISH FACILITIES

REFER:AMBASSADOR SWANK-PALAZZOLO TELCON JULY 16, 1975

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1. TEXT OF BAHAMAIAN PM'S RADIO COMMENTS ON U.S. AND  
BRITISH FACILITIES (JULY 14, 1975) AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF THE PRESENCE ON  
BAHAMIAN SOIL OF U.S. AND BRITISH BASES. SINCE INDEPEND-  
ENCE, THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN TO EXTEND THE EXISTING AR-  
RANGEMENTS ON A SIX-MONTH BASIS. HOW THIS AGREEMENT CAN BE  
EXTENDED FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME DEPENDS ON THE SETTLE-  
MENT OF WHAT IS BAHAMIAN TERRITORY, WHICH INVOLVES THE  
PRINCIPLE OF ARCHIPELAGO. THIS MEANS THAT ALL OF THE WATER  
WITHIN THE CIRCLE OF ALL THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS IS IN-  
TERNAL WATER. THIS PRINCIPLE WOULD ALSO APPLY TO THE AIR  
AS WELL AS THE SEA. THERE IS A NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL  
UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PRINCIPLE. ONCE THIS PRINCIPLE OF  
ARCHIPELAGO IS ACCEPTED BY GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED  
STATES, THE OTHER QUESTION REGARDING THE BASES CAN BE DIS-  
CUSSED. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS PRINCIPLE WILL BE  
ACCEPTED BY GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE  
NEXT TWELVE MONTHS. THERE MAY BE DIFFICULTIES REACHING  
AGREEMENT ON OTHER AREAS, SUCH AS, THE RIGHT TO EXPLORE  
SEA RIGHTS, BUT I DO NOT EXPECT DISAGREEMENT ON THE PRIN-  
CIPLE OF ARCHIPELAGO. END QUOTE.

2. THE U.S. DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ARCHIPELAGIC PRINCIPLE.  
HOWEVER, U.S. HAD UNDERTAKEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRINCIPAL  
ARCHIPELAGIC STATES INCLUDING INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES,  
AND THE BAHAMAS TO REACH SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT ON ARCHI-  
PELAGO AND OTHER ISSUES AS PART OF ACCEPTABLE COMPREHEN-  
SIVE LOS TREATY. U.S. POSITION IN THESE PRIVATE TALKS HAS  
BEEN THAT WE COULD RECOGNIZE ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE PRO-  
VIDED THAT THIS WAS PART OF AN OVERALL SATISFACTORY TREATY,  
THAT THERE WAS A SATISFACTORY OBJECTIVE DEFINITION OF  
ARCHIPELAGO STATE, THAT OUR NAVIGATIONAL INTERESTS WITHIN  
THE ARCHIPELAGO WERE PROTECTED AND THAT ARCHIPELAGO STATES  
WOULD SUPPORT U.S. ON TRANSIT OF STRAITS ISSUE IN LOS  
NEGOTIATIONS. THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS IN THE LOS NEGOTI-  
ATIONS ON ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS ISSUES AND U.S. HAS  
BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND  
SOME OF THE MORE MODERATE ARCHIPELAGO COUNTRIES INCLUDING  
THE BAHAMAS. THIS HAS BEEN REFLECTED TO A LARGE DEGREE  
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IN SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT WHICH WAS PRODUCED AT GENEVA  
LOS CONFERENCE. WE HAVE NOT, HOWEVER, PUBLICLY INDICATED  
OUR APPROVAL OF ARCHIPELAGO SECTION OF TEXT AND WE SHOULD  
MAKE NO STATEMENT ON THESE ISSUES EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY  
APPROVED BY OUR LOS NEGOTIATING TEAM. INGERSOLL

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